

BY LINEAL DESCENT.

Society of Cincinnati Composed of Revolutionary Officers' Descendants.

TRINIAL MEETING THIS WEEK.

The Session to Be Held in Philadelphia—The Virginia Society Will Send Delegates and Be Readmitted.

History of the Organization.

The Society General of the Cincinnati, one of the oldest and most distinguished of our patriotic organizations, will hold its triennial meeting in Philadelphia this week. The sessions, which begin on Wednesday and continue through three days, will be held in the rooms of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. There will be in attendance about forty delegates from the various State societies, including representatives from France. The French society was formally composed of French officers, who had served in the army and navy of the United States. General Marquis de Lafayette, who was Washington's aide-de-camp, and was in charge of the Continental army in the State of Virginia, was one of the presidents of the French society, which preceded General George Washington, President-General of the society in the United States, with a handsome jeweled badge of the society. The valuable memorabilia is now in the custody of the president-general, and the general Washington's own badge is in the possession of Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, of New York, secretary-general of the society.

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DR. GEORGE BEN. JOHNSTON, President-General of the Society of Cincinnati, will preside at the triennial meeting of the Society of Cincinnati, which will be held in Philadelphia this week. The society, which has been reorganized, and which has adopted a new constitution, will send five delegates to the meeting.

OVER A CENTURY OLD.

The Army and Navy Journal, a few years ago, in compliance with frequent requests, printed a most interesting history of the formation and career of the Society of the Cincinnati. In this history, the society was originally constituted by a convention of the Continental officers of the American Revolution, in their cantonments on the Hudson river, near New York, on September 26, 1783. The society was organized by the main Continental army sent representatives, and the convention was presided over by the Hon. Major-General Baron de Steuben, Inspector-General. The institution, which was adopted, and which has never been altered, declared as follows:

"We have planned the Supreme Governor of the universe, in the disposition of his affairs, to cause the separation of the colonies of North America from the mother of Great Britain, and after the colonies have become free, independent, and sovereign States, connected by alliance, to be united by the great principles and powers of the earth."

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CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

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days. It was decided at this meeting to divide the Virginia Society into three divisions on account of the difficulty of the members had in attending. It is feared that the records of all the proceedings, except those held in Richmond, have been destroyed. The records of the proceedings at Richmond, Va., are contained in a quaint looking old book, which was delivered for safekeeping to the Virginia Historical Society, by the Hon. R. W. Leigh, about 1850.

GAVE ITS FUND TO CHARITY.

The Virginia Society very early determined to disband and give its fund to some charity. Accordingly, about 1850, it appointed a committee to find the most worthy object upon which to bestow its funds. The committee decided to donate the funds, amounting to nearly \$5,000, to Washington Academy—since Washington and Lee University—following the example of George Washington, who bestowed upon this institution \$200 of canal stock, granted him by the Legislature. It was stipulated that there should be taught in the school gunnery and ordnance, which was accordingly done for a short time. The school established a Cincinnati corps, and this was for a long time the highest honor a student could obtain.

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O'ER HEROES' GRAVES

Decoration-Day of the Oakwood Memorial Association Auspiciously Observed.

AN IMMENSE CROWD ATTENDS.

An eloquent oration by Hon. R. B. Munford—Prayer by Rev. Charles R. Hyde—Beautiful Poem Read by Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill.

The observance yesterday of Oakwood Memorial-Day was the most successful in the history of the organization under whose auspices these exercises have for many years been held. The weather, while rather warm, was in all other respects, favorable, and great crowds of people flocked to the lovely shades of the cemetery to witness the solemn and inspiring ceremonies.

The scene presented after the parade had arrived was that of a beautiful panorama of life within the city of the dead. The foliage and flowers were in their most verdant state, and all nature united to make the occasion the more perfect in its beauty and impressiveness.

The organizations and citizens participating in the parade formed at St. John's Burying-Ground at 4 o'clock, and moved promptly toward the cemetery. The line was made up as follows: Squad of police, chief marshal and aides; active military, consisting of the battalion of the Richmond Light-Infantry Blues, commanded by Major Sol. Cuttings; the Walker Light Guard, the Guard of the Commonwealth, and Old Dominion Guard, forming a battalion, and the First Virginia Regiment of Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Charles Eaker; R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans; George E. Pickett Camp, Confederate Veterans; Joseph E. Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans; Veterans of the Soldiers' Home, in wagons; Hollywood Memorial Association, in carriages; Oakwood Memorial Association, in carriages.

These organizations were followed by a long line of carriages, and other vehicles. The Governor and Mrs. O'Fallon were in line, as were a number of members of his Excellency's staff.

AROUND THE GRANDSTAND.

Upon reaching the grounds the great body of people gathered around the grandstand, and the exercises commenced. They were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles R. Hyde, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church, who was followed by an excellent and interesting address by Hon. R. B. Munford, the orator of the day. Then followed a beautiful and appropriate poem, written by Hugh L. Cooke, and read by Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, of Venable-Street Baptist church. The closing feature of the ceremonies was the singing of that inspiring hymn, "The Star of Bethlehem," led by Captain Frank W. Cunningham, with an accompaniment by the Blues' Band, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of St. James Methodist church. By request of the ladies of the Oakwood Memorial Association, Colonel A. W. Archer, past commander of Lee Camp, presided over the ceremonies. The Soldiers' monument was appropriately decorated with flowers and evergreens, a beautiful wreath of laurel, and the wreath of the Oakwood Memorial Association, at the close of the exercises. On each grave was a bouquet of some description, and the soldiers' section presented a lovely picture at sunset, when the salute was fired over them by the detachment from the Richmond Howitzers.

MR. MUNFORD'S ORATION.

Mr. Munford's oration was a masterly effort, and was attentively listened to throughout. He said:

With each recurring springtime it has been the custom of our people to gather to the graves of the dead and with appropriate service, commemorate the heroism of the great army of Confederate soldiers who sleep within its walls.

More than a generation has gone since the close of the struggle in which they fell. Their surviving comrades, with ever-quickening step, are daily passing to join the ranks of the great majority. Many of the men and women, with an enthusiasm born of a personal knowledge of those heroic times, who in former days led in these patriotic exercises, have, like the soldiers whose valor we commemorate, passed into the great drama, like the scenes themselves, are fast becoming parts of history.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new," we stand on the verge of the decade which marks its passing. New faces throng the hour; fresh problems claim solution. At such a time

TO REPRESENT VIRGINIA.

The gentlemen who will represent the Virginia Society at the triennial meeting in Philadelphia next Wednesday are Dr. George Ben. Johnston, an eminent physician and surgeon, and P. H. C. Cabell, a successful young lawyer, both of this city; also Mr. Heth Lorton, now in New York, but formerly well known in this city, and Major T. O. Towles, a brother of the late Professor Towles, of the University of Virginia, and a distinguished lawyer of New York, but now a resident of Washington. Mr. Cropper is now a member of the New York Society, but will resign therefrom and join the Virginia Society on its organization. He represents Lieutenant-Colonel John Cropper, of Accomac, and has recently purchased in that county the old Cropper homestead.

MONUMENT TO WASHINGTON.

The society general will be guests in Philadelphia of the Pennsylvania State Society, and some very interesting ceremonies will take place. The Pennsylvania Society has raised a fund of \$50,000, with which to erect a monument to George Washington, the president-general of the society, and the cornerstone of this monument will be laid at Philadelphia during the meeting.

Mr. Cabell will leave Monday on the noon train for Philadelphia, and will join Major Cropper and Major Towles in Washington. Dr. Johnston, who is now in Chicago, will come from there to Philadelphia Monday night, and Mr. Lorton will come over from New York Tuesday morning.

The Virginia delegation will be quartered at the Stanton Hotel.

Bermuda Trip Probably Successful.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Confirmatory advices have been received here of the arrival of the steamer Bermuda to the coast of Honduras, but nothing is said in the cablegram as to whether she succeeded in landing her arms and ammunition, as well as the seventy men who were aboard of her, when she left Jacksonville two weeks ago. It is believed, however, that the object of the voyage was accomplished, for she could otherwise have reached Truxillo or Puerto Cortes a week earlier than she did.

WHAT THIS SERVICE MEANS.

Under the flag of the Old Republic, surrounded by the graves of those who died in an effort to establish the New, we have assembled. And such conditions the question comes with trenchant significance. "What mean ye by this service?"

What mean ye by this service? I answer: There are memories linked with the men whose graves surround us, which, as a people, we cannot allow to die. Some one has said: "Sing me a nation's song, and I will tell the character of its people." Tell me the memories that a people love to cherish, and I will declare whether their souls are known to the heroes who ever spring to hold upon their hearts, and I will declare how such a people will respond to the calls of patriotism, of honor, and of duty (Appl